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HITTING FROM THE SHOULDER.

Prof. Howard R. Driggs, president of the Utah Educational association, delivered some telling blows straight from the shoulder yesterday morning in his address before the first session of the teachers of the state in their annual convention, held in Assembly hall. Prof. Driggs did not mince words. Our distinguished visitor from Topeka, Prof. H. B. Wilson, superintendent of the Kansas city's schools did not overstate it when he said that it was worth traveling from the Sunflower capital to hear such a talk. We suspect that many teachers have felt for a long time just as Prof. Driggs feels about the cumbering of curriculum with non-essentials—but it has remained for Prof. Driggs to display the courage necessary to "speak right out in meeting." Though we grant that education is worth any price, the taxpayer is being cheated, to speak plainly, when his good money is squandered by a system that is so full of fads and fancies and so bare of essentials that, as Prof. Driggs said yesterday, instead of educating merely fills a student's system with mental dyspepsia.

"Cut out and and connect up" is the vigorous and plain command that efficiency makes of the school teacher to day. Free the curriculum of its non-essentials so that they will be assimilated by the boy or girl in the grades and the young man and young woman in the higher institutions as real preparation for life. There is a wholesomeness in the old-fashioned three r's that seems almost to have been forgotten by modern educators. An old style parent has good reason to believe that those who make the schools of today believe they are conducting get-wise-quick establishments. "The school cannot teach every good thing under the sun," Prof. Driggs said yesterday. As a matter of fact if the school will turn out as its finished product a youth well grounded in "readin,' ritin' and 'rithmatic" and at the same time a youth who has learned how to study and has absorbed a desire to know that which is useful, inspiring and desirable, the

humblest father in the land will not begrudge the hard-earned money it has cost to send his boy through such a school. Get the schools down to pure essentials. The study of them will require half the time now spent in following out the senseless curriculum that has been foisted upon nearly every school system in the land. Take the time saved and utilize it to implant in the pupil the right kind of ideals. The result will be a better citizenship than it is possible for the fad-ridden school system of today to turn out.

Twisting the tail of the British lion has for a long time been a popular sport in this country but sometimes the politicians who engage in it forget that the lion may rob the American eagle of his tail feathers. Some one recently suggested that the United States force Great Britain to take cotton from the list of contraband by refusing to sell war munitions to it. That is a game two can play at. Suppose that the British Empire should retaliate by refusing to sell us tea, tin, wool, leather, jute, spices, rubber, etc. that we can get in sufficient quantities nowhere else.

Some parties at Pinedale are complaining that they do not get their Herald regularly. The Pinedale list is sent each week from this office "all in a bunch" and we are sure it is no fault of ours.—Snowflake Herald.

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